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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL MAYO, SR. SETS EVENT
TO BENEFIT HOMELESS VETERANS AND DOMESTIC ABUSE SHELTERS
AT DINEEN PARK ON OCTOBER 23**

**Mayo, Volunteers Plan to Overnight in the Park to Raise Awareness of Homelessness
And Domestic Violence While Gathering Needed Winter Clothing and Supplies for Those in Need**

Milwaukee County Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr. today invited the community to join him in an event to raise awareness of homeless veterans and domestic violence in Milwaukee County by spending the night in Dineen Park.

The event will begin at 5 p.m. on October 23 the Dineen Park Golf Shack, 6520 W. Keefe Ave. in Milwaukee. Mayo plans to stay in the park until 9 a.m. on the 24th. Mayo invited participants in the overnight event to bring donations of personal items such as coats, blankets, hats, scarves and even toothbrushes.

Mayo said the Homeless Veteran Initiative estimates that on any given day 300 to 400 veterans are homeless in Milwaukee County, and another 5,500 are at risk.

“To allow our veterans to go homeless is a national shame,” Mayo said. “These people served their country and should expect to have decent housing for themselves and their families. We need to get them help.”

Mayo added that homelessness is also prevalent among those who have suffered domestic abuse.

“Too many people, including children, will be sleeping outdoors this winter, and that is simply not acceptable,” he said. “When we as a group sleep outdoors on the night of October 23, we will awaken Milwaukee County to the extreme problem of homelessness and domestic abuse in our community.

“Domestic violence is one of the causes of homelessness, and that, too, must be eradicated. Too many women and children have to leave their homes to escape abuse, and we must work to protect them and provide them with shelter.”

There were more than 6,600 people in Milwaukee County who were homeless at one point or another in 2012, according to the Wisconsin Department of Administration’s Division of Housing. Of that number, almost 1,800 were children.

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